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Board votes to establish recycling sub-committee

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - All members of the Board of Selectmen were present September 21 with a four item agenda facing them. The items generated discussion that went somewhat beyond their announced times and extended the meeting to 10 p.m.

The Board met with members of the Board of Health (BOH) to discuss recycling efforts and whether to move on implementing a contract with Wheelabrator that the Selectmen have already signed but not returned to the company.

BOH members had requested that the selectmen hold off returning the contract because there was some disagreement over whether the proposed contract was in the best interests of the town since the town is already six years into a 20 year contract for solid waste disposal with Wheelabrator.

BOH Chairman Jim Morin told the Selectmen that his board is in agreement that if there is no fee associated with the recycling program offered by Wheelabrator's contract then there is no need to sign a contract. "We don't think it will be free," Morin said, "as it (the recycled material) all goes towards the town's tonnage allotment. If it is free, then it should be definitely in writing. That would be a good deal. The way it sits now, it will cost us more over the next 14 years."

Cristo said he wasn't that concerned with who does the recycling and how it is done as long as the town can stay within its yearly allotted 11,315 tons.

Morin said that can be done by recycling efforts and also by the Selectmen pursuing renegotiating the 20 year contract with Wheelabrator since recycling was not even considered when the contract was signed. He also said that three companies who located at the Millbury Industrial Park three years ago are partially responsible for bringing the town's tonnage up and over the limit. "The possibility of another industrial park can only add to that situation," he said.

Cristo said that the industrial and commercial base makes up only a small tax base in the community and that most of the solid waste has been allocated to residential. He also said he was not convinced that there was a need for so much residential waste allocation.

Morin said that taking into consideration the figure used back when the contract started of 3.4 tons per person a year, "we would be way over that now."

Cristo asked how Oxford could get by with only 4000-5000 tons? Morin said Oxford is paying private haulers to pick up trash and households are allowed only 4-5 bags per week with some restrictions. "We are allowing almost anything at our transfer station," he said. "There is a big difference."

Cristo referred to past information relating to industrial growth in the Town and said it was assumed that the companies, with the exception of the Telegram & Gazette, would not have a significant impact on the waste stream.

Morin said there were two other companies that moved into Millbury over the past three years that contributed to the town going over its allotted tonnage. He did not name the companies.

Morin also noted that the town went over its allotted tonnage at Wheelabrator in the first year of the plant's operation but not again until last year.

Selectman Donald Gauthier remarked that in the first year the operation had to deal with wet materials that were at the landfill site and had sat there for some time, adding to the weight. "Naturally we went over our tonnage," he said.

Cristo asked how the tonnage stands at this time?

Morin said a little under last year's figures. Last year the town was over by 480 tons.

"I thought we were under," said Gauthier.

Morin said the town is over and if 500-600 tons had been added this year for recyclables "we would be way over this year."

Gauthier said the recyclables are being taken out of the waste stream.

Morin said that is true under the present recycling program in town, but under the Wheelabrator contract under discussion, the recyclables are counted towards the town's tonnage. "You have to go over if we are going to be doing it this way," said Morin.

"There has to be a better way of doing it," Gauthier said.

Cristo asked how much was recycled last year.

Morin said 700-800 tons.

Gauthier asked what the average was right now.

Morin said about 400-500 tons.

Selectmen Gerry Bleau said he thought it was 800 tons last year? Morin said that included compost which will not be in this year, as well as cardboard and metal.

Bleau asked if it wasn't true that some of the tonnage last year didn't belong to Millbury.

"Yes," Morin replied, adding that the tonnage not belonging to Millbury would be included in that figure.

"We were over then," said Bleau, "because there was somebody else's trash included. Of the 800 tons, it would be something less than that."

Morin said that for every two tons of recyclables, one ton was taken out for rubbish.

After clearing up some confusion as to how much was recyclable and how much was actually taken out in the two for one ratio, it was a consensus that the actual amount recycled was 400 tons not 800 tons.

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Friends at Wo

MILLBURY - Helen White, Mary Mulhane, Carolina Pescheta and Ellen Norton, members of the Friends of the Millbury Public Library, greeted visitors to the Library's Book and Bake Sale on Saturday.

Palermo and Stowe praised for efforts in obtaining grants

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The September 23 meeting of the School Committee was held at the Shaw School Media Center following a half hour tour of the School by the Committee and the Administration. Chairman for the meeting was Alan Marble who filled in for Chet Hanratty.

Superintendent Richard Palermo started off the meeting by speaking to the grants the School Department has received for the coming school year which totaled $241,261. Joanne Stowe, Director of Special Education (SPED), reported on grants under Chapter 1 and SPED totaling $209,687.

Most of the funds received were a continuation of grants received previously according to Palermo. He said there was a little increase in the amounts of the grants over last year which allows the system to do things it otherwise couldn't do. He spoke on three different grants he wrote that consisted of programs under three categories: Drug Free Schools State Grant, Drop-Out Prevention Grant and an Eisenhower Grant specifically targeted for math and science.

Stowe spoke to the grants received for Chapter 1 which emphasize assistance for youngsters in reading and math in coordination with classroom teachers. She is now director of that program as well as the SPED Director.

Grants were also received for a Project Class 1 that supports a primary integrated resource room and another grant Project Class 2 that focuses on early intervention services for youngsters in language, such as speech therapy and parent workshops.

A grant was also received for an Integrated Pre-School program which includes non-SPED students.

A small grant was received for pre-referral and intervention services for the Shaw and Elmwood Street Schools.

Palermo said the system receive grant funding for all it applied for.

Palermo and Stowe were commended by the committee for their efforts.

Summer School

Summer School Director Roger Desrosiers was present to answer any questions on student performances in the recent summer school program. He noted that the calculations and statistics in a report he presented shouldn't be taken out of context. He said the report reflects what might have occurred if the recently approved new policy had been in place. "I gave some idea as to what would have happened," he said. "It's an optimistic look which would show that the number of students would have dropped (under the new policy). Those on the fringe would be expected to improve and those with lower grades would have had to try harder."

Television Studio

The Committee approved a request to use an unused shop room for a public access television studio. The request came from Roger Desrosiers and was supported by TV Club Advisor Mark Sutphen and Cable TV Advisory Committee members Bob Sullivan and Jack Dupre; Desrosiers is also a member of the committee.

Desrosiers said the facility and equipment would mainly be used by high school students. He said the room's location would

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Obituaries

Miriam E. Lynn

MILLBURY - Miriam E. (Beasley) Lynn, 92, of 393A Greenwood Street, died September 23rd in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a short illness.

Her husband, William Lynn, died in 1968. She leaves a brother, Walter R. Beasley of Millbury; a sister, Hazel Vasalofsky of Jacksonville, North Carolina; nieces and nephews. She was born in Millbury, daughter of Louis and Eva (Army) Beasley and lived here all her life. She graduated from Millbury High School.

Mrs. Lynn was a member of St. Catherine of Sweden Church in Worcester.

The funeral was held September 25th from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street, with a Mass in St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 3 Wiser Ave., Worcester. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery.

Ronald J. "Reg" Dupont

WORCESTER - Ronald J. "Reg" Dupont II, 23, of 5 Rugby Street, formerly of Sutton, died September 23rd in St. Vincent Hospital, from injuries he suffered in a motorcycle accident in Worcester.

He leaves his father, Ronald J. Dupont of Auburn; his mother, Linda L. (Carlson) Dupont Thatcher of Sutton; one brother, Christopher C. Dupont of Auburn; a sister, Andrea L. Dupont of Sutton; his paternal grandfather, James M. Dupont of Worcester. He was born in Worcester, moved to Sutton in 1978 and returned here recently. He attended Sutton Elementary Schools and Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dupont was a construction worker for Brothers Acoustical in Berlin, CT. Prior to that, he was a self-employed carpenter in this area. He was interested in all aspects of motorcycling. He was a member of Doug Danger's set-up crew at the New Hampshire race tracks.

Funeral services were held September 27th in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 200 Greenwood Street. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main St., Millbury, was in charge of the arrangements.

Waldo A. "Dutchy" Goulet

MILLBURY - Waldo A. "Dutchy" Goulet, 89, of 2 Curve Street, formerly of 503 Colonial Drive, died September 19th at Beaumont at the Willows, Westborough, after an illness.

His wife, Marguerite E. (Bertrand) Goulet, died in 1984. He leaves his daughter, Gloria A. Kruger of Millbury, with whom he lived; three grandchildren, Sandra J. Kruger of Hobe Sound, FL, Robert P. Kruger of Millbury, and Lori A. Kruger of Indialantic, FL; nephews and nieces. He was born in Millbury, son of the late Philip and Mary Jane (Fournier) Goulet and lived here all his life.

Mr. Goulet was a foreman in the shipping room at the Felters Co., where he worked for 48 years. He retired in 1969. He was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and the Franco-American Progressive Club, and was a former member of the Colonial Drive Tenants Association.

The funeral was held September 21st from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Burial followed in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made either to the Arthritis Foundation, Massachusetts Chapter, 29 Crafts Road, Newton, MA 02160 or to the District Nursing Society Adult Day Health Care Center, 450 Colonial Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

Helen M. Tobie

MILLBURY - Helen M. (LaPorte) Cofske Tobie, 76, of 11 Rhodes Street, died September 24th in her home, after a short illness.

Her husband, Arthur H. Tobie, died in 1978. She leaves two sons, Harvey J. Cofske of Union, Maine and Joseph W. Cofske of Oxford; three daughters, Joan A. Cofske of Millbury, Grace H. Dangredo and Betty Jane Dumont, both of Worcester; a stepdaughter, Virginia Moisan of Webster; one brother, William Lavallee of Worcester; two sisters, Marie Hall of East Brookfield and Mary Chesna of Millbury; 25 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She was born in Webster, daughter of Joseph LaPorte and Winifred (Dawskawski) LaPorte Lavallee and lived in Worcester for a number of years before moving here in 1955.

She was an inspector at the former Curtis & Marble Co. in Worcester for 10 years, retiring in 1981. Previously she worked at the former Brewers Medical Supply Company in Worcester for ten years. She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church and the Millbury Council on Aging.

Funeral services were held September 28th in Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street. Burial was in Central Cemetery.

Swedish Meatball Luncheon

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist church will resume its Thursday luncheons on Thursday, October 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Main Street next to the Common. The menu will include Swedish Meatballs with gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread and Butter, Hot or Cold Beverage and your choice of assorted desserts, all for $4.75. To order lunches to go, Call Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176.

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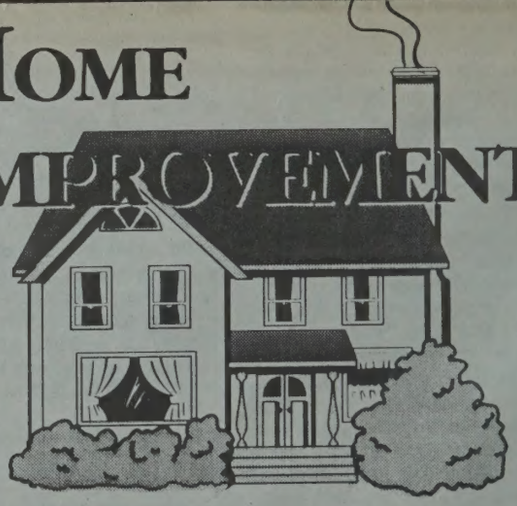

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SELECTMEN

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"Of all the tonnage that goes through Millbury," asked Selectman Roland Lachance, "how much goes through the transfer station?"

Morin replied, "About 10 tons per week or 2400 tons per year."

"Other than the scale at Wheelabrator," said Lachance, "we have no way of checking. I thought the transfer station was built for that purpose, for monitoring."

Morin asked if he was talking about weighing or monitoring. Lachance said the most effective way would be to install scales.

Morin said he didn't agree as everything that goes into Wheelabrator has to be weighed.

"How much do you haul (from the transfer station to Wheelabrator)," asked Lachance.

"2400 ton," replied Morin.

"You know that for a fact," asked Lachance.

Morin replied, "15-20 tons per week."

Cristo said the transfer station serves a multiple purpose as people can take what they want down to the station.

Gauthier asked if the town was paying for recycling now.

Morin said there is no money in the BOH budget now for recycling but the BOH will be putting an article on the warrant for the special town meeting. He said from February until June 30, 1993 they paid out $3200-$3500. "It probably would cost about $7000-$8000 per year."

Cristo said if it could be done on a 2-1 ratio of 2 tons of recycling for 1 ton of regular waste he might be able to live with that.

Morin said the cost of recycling tonnage is between $12-$18 per ton. He then referred to a Wall Street Journal article and a stated figure of the cost of recycling as was brought out in a meeting with Harvey and other recyclers as being $175 a ton average for recycling. "We need to get a figure from Fred Confalone at Wheelabrator as to what it costs us if we go over. Is it tier one or tier two? The minimum will be $28.50 per ton," said Morin.

Bleau remarked that this was like buying a service contract and said that according to his calculations, the overage last year was 400 tons. "If it was $30.00 a ton it would be close to the $9,000 paid now for recycling and I would take the gamble," he said. "I would also suggest we renegotiate the contract on a yearly basis."

Morin said there is nothing in the contract provided by Wheelabrator that indicates that if the town goes over its allotment it will not be charged.

"If we go over," said Gauthier, "the contract is null and void. I checked that with our counsel. If there is no monies appropriated then there is no contract."

Morin asked if the Selectmen can enter into a contract when there are no monies appropriated for that purpose?

Gauthier replied, "The contract will be null and void if they start charging us. There is no monies appropriated."

Cristo said he was looking for a middle ground and that the $12 per ton doesn't look bad "nor does what Gerry says. It wouldn't be that much either if we go over," said Cristo.

Morin said that every ton recycled goes towards Millbury's tonnage. "Theoretically the $8000-$9000 this year, next year or in four years, as markets for recycling open up, the cost to recycle will go down and we should shoot for that," he said. "If we are into a contract we can never achieve that goal as they will be telling us what to do."

Cristo said Bleau's suggestion of an annual contract may be the way to go.

Morin noted that if an industrial park comes along then that will again impact on the tonnage.

Bleau said the possibility of a future industrial park doesn't have to come into play as the Selectmen could say to them that they will have to take care of their own tonnage.

"I still don't think the Selectmen should be tied into any contract," said Morin.

Bleau said there could be a necessity to go out for three bids. "In my mind," he said, "Wheelabrator will still be the low bidder. They say they will do it for free."

Morin noted that Wheelabrator still reserves the right to charge the town if it goes over its allotted tonnage, "and we will go over," he said.

"You're speculating," said Bleau.

"If there is not going to be a charge," said Morin, "then let them (Wheelabrator) put it in writing."

BOH member Richard Boire said he does not feel the proposed contract would do much for the town. "There are other things in the proposed recycling contract with Wheelabrator," he said. "If we are still to be tied in for another 14 years and we are going to have our people at the transfer station doing things, even though small things, it doesn't make much sense."

Cristo said he agreed with Bleau's suggestion that the town go with an annual contract with more flexibility.

"With add ons or amendments to recycling," said Boire, "that could be a good idea."

Morin again asked that Wheelabrator put in writing that the recycling would be free.

Bleau asked why, saying it could be done at $12,000 based on last year's figures. "So what's the big deal," he asked.

"Where does it say what tier level they will charge," asked Morin.

Bleau replied, "It says so in the contract."

"It does not," said Morin.

"It says it in the main contract," countered Bleau. "It's in the main contract we have with Wheelabrator."

Cristo said the town would be charged at the first tier level ($28.50 per ton) for overage.

Morin said the recycling contract does not state that.

Cristo agreed that the information is not explicit in the recycling contract "but implied," he said, "and everybody knows that is the case."

"How do you find that $28.50 per ton is cheaper than $12.50 per ton?" Morin asked. "If you go over tonnage, you pay."

Bleau replied, "All I am saying is if you recycled 800 tons last year and gave away 400 tons in the waste stream, that was not Millbury trash. Is that correct?"

"True," Morin replied.

"Then effectively," Bleau continued, "if all recyclables went into the waste stream you would have been 400 tons over."

"We still don't know how much we will go over this year," Morin cautioned.

Bleau said he was basing his figures on last year and not guessing about this year.

"I can tell you what this year's figure will be," said Morin. "We are 500 tons over now and will be 800 tons (over) by the end of this year. We will be right where we were last year. We will be 800 tons over. Eight hundred times $28.50 is what?"

Bleau called attention to the fact that last year it would have been over by 400 tons. "I have a real problem following this," he said.

"We were 400 over last year," said Morin, "not 800 tons."

Then we are at the same place we were last year," said Bleau.

Morin said he was basing his figures on 800 tons last year and recycling 800 tons this year.

"Obviously we are not going to get any answers here," said Bleau.

Cristo recognized George D'Auteuil, owner of Frank Rubbish Removal, who spoke on his concerns with the issues before the Selectmen.

"This is more complex than you think," said D'Auteuil. "The reason you are in better shape this year is that you have not (been) credited (for the recycled tonnage) nor has any of the recycling been added to the waste stream. Right now we are over 500 tons and are over last year's at this time. I disagree with some of the previous speakers. If you consider the 2-1 thing and if all of that went into the waste stream, you would be that much more over than you are right now. You got credit for one (ton) and took two out. No matter how you look at it, there is 50% less than if you didn't have the 2-1 ratio. Putting two in and one out you have a net gain of one (ton). I agreed with the way the conversation was going in the beginning, but having been in the trash business for over 25 years, to my knowledge no other communities have signed contracts (with Wheelabrator), unless it happened recently. They all have a tipping fee. They take the $28.50 (tipping) cost which is only fair to the community as that is what it would cost them to get rid of it."

D'Auteuil then asked the Selectmen what other proposals have been considered for recycling. "You haven't asked for any," he said. "All we are trying to do is get a figure so that now we can compare apples with apples. I listen to the numbers being thrown out here

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Another Point of View

The Waste Remains and Kills

By Lawrence Moore

Some weeks ago I commented that I had heard nothing about Vice President Gore's projected report on the re-invention of government. Now I've heard...and I'm disappointed. Like so much else from the Clinton administration, it brings to mind the words of Shakespeare in Macbeth: "It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Granted Gore is not an idiot, and granted that the report is more than nothing, it still is replete with sound and fury, vague and full of conjecture, hopeful but lacking in realism, and dependent to a great extent upon the tinkering of Congress.

The massive study, undertaken almost eight months ago, plans to save the magnificent sum of $108 billion in five years beginning in October 1994. That's less than $22 billion a year, an absolute disgraceful pittance compared to the trillions the government spends each year.

Probably the reason expectations are so low is that the attack comes from the wrong quarter.

About one third of the $108 billion would come from spending cuts or fee increases, really curtailed services or hidden tax increases. Another third comes from cutting the work force by 252,000 in five years, a puny number compared to total force reductions planned by much smaller entities like IBM or General Motors. The final third comes from better use of computers and streamlining procurement practices, almost insulting admissions (or accusations) that the vast federal government hasn't kept up with technology and that it has been buying $1000 toilet seats and couldn't stop.

Clinton proclaims this a better report than the 10 or so that have been issued, that there is more public and Congressional support than ever before, and that "There is a President here that will do more than talk." The only redeeming truth in his comment is public demand for action. As far as a "more than talking" President is concerned, that scares me. He talks, but he also compromises.

It is almost impossible to believe that Clinton and Gore are unaware of the tremendous waste in Government operations. I shudder to think that waste was consciously ignored.

Any attack on the cost of government that does not start by attacking waste is fruitless. Streamlining a system that tolerates waste perpetuates waste. There is no mystery as to where the waste is. For about 14 years Citizens Against Government Waste has been a voice in the wilderness, pointing to specific items of waste. The General Accounting Office and the Office of Management and Budget have documented waste. In 1992 Martin Gross's "Washington Waste from A to Z" outlined major waste. An attack on WASTE will reap results that will make $22 billion a year look like loose change!

William Empson put it more succinctly than I ever could:

Slowly the poison the whole bloodstream fills.
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Benefit Yard Sale

MILLBURY - The Millbury-Sutton Youth Football mothers will host a yard sale on Saturday, October 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Millbury Common. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Football program.

Orchard Apartments Flu Clinic

SUTTON - The Sutton Board of Health will hold a Flu Clinic on October 28 at the Orchard Apartments, Wilkinsonville, between 8-9 a.m.

Anyone having allergies to egg products or a fever or cold should not receive the flu shot.

Any questions on the vaccine requirements can be answered by calling the Millbury District Nursing Society at 865-4373.

Arts Council grants

MILLBURY - The Millbury Arts Council is accepting applications for PASS and LCC grants. This will be the only funding cycle for 1994.

Forms may be obtained at the Millbury Public Library. Return the original application and two other copies no later than October 15, 1993 to Katherine Hackett, 21 Juniper Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

A sign of Fall

MILLBURY - Pancake breakfasts at area churches are a sure sign that Fall has arrived. These folks who worked at and attended the Millbury Federated Church Pancake Breakfast last Saturday started off the season with good fellowship.

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and I don't want to be facetious, but I have to laugh because no one knows what the hell they are talking about. You're way off the track," he said, "talking $12.00 per ton, that's kind of low.

What about the commercial haulers? Where does their credit go? What do we get out of the deal? We are saving you tonnage. We haul all this at no expense and we get no credit. We are saving this community $60,000-$70,000 a year."

Cristo said the haulers don't pay a tipping fee when they pick up in Millbury.

"We are taxpayers," countered D'Auteuil. "You know we live here in town."

Cristo said out of town haulers also get a break.

"All I am saying," continued D'Auteuil, "is let's be concerned about the taxpayers in Millbury and not with who we have the contract with. Our tonnage is going to increase."

Cristo said the selectmen are trying to save money. "We are trying to determine which is the best way to go, not to pay more."

D'Auteuil said some points are being overlooked. "Up to this point we haven't had to pay anything (for recycling)," he said. "I agree with Gerry (Bleau) and Jim (Morin). Are they (Wheelabrator) going to charge us if we go over (our allotted tonnage)? I would not take the chance of adding my recyclables (to the town's tonnage) and really push my luck. They (Wheelabrator) stated in a letter years ago that if we had recycling efforts in place they would work with us. Let's take them for their word. A lot of communities are not going to go for a binding situation. You have to compare apples to apples. When we say 'free,' and I distinctly remember, as I look now right at someone, who stated, 'There is no free lunch.'"

Cristo concurred.

D'Auteuil said that there are other possibilities that are not being studied. "We have 14 years to go on the original contract," he said. "The people in town are doing a hell of a job in recycling."

Cristo said it has been a tough two years working on the recycling proposal "and the battle is tiring."

D'Auteuil argued that the numbers have to be known and understood.

Cristo suggested that a sub-committee be established, made up of local haulers, a member of the boards of Selectmen and Health, and a representative of Wheelabrator to sit down and look at the issues and the numbers and present some type of resolution that would be agreeable to all and in the best interests of the town. Bleau said the Town Auditor could be an impartial participant and develop the numbers needed.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to establish a sub-committee.

Schools

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase mentioned that a recent newspaper article showed that Millbury students in the Class of 1992 scored second only to Nashoba Regional High School in SAT score results out of 34 communities in the Central Mass. area.

Cristo said he spoke with School Superintendent Richard Palermo who indicated that he will be providing the Board with information needed to calculate the maintenance of effort figures to fulfill the provisions of the Education Reform Act. He also said Palermo thought that the town's contribution required by the new reform initiative could be reached with what is already being contributed by the town.

[The Finance Committee is looking at other charge backs to the schools based on town services to the school system that are not already being used in calculations towards local effort. The town needs to meet a figure of $5500 per student up from the present figure of $4288 per student.]

Health Insurance

The Selectmen have approved Central Mass Health Plus as the plan of choice for the Town, as recommended by the insurance consultant and town labor counsel. The plan will require an additional cost of $4.37 per month for all Central Mass HMO subscribers.

Chase said the cost is subject to negotiations but noted that the Board should consider implementing the plan by October 1st as recommended by counsel with negotiations for the added cost to come later.

The Board approved the October 1 date. The town could see an additional cost of $1600 over the whole year, according to Chase.

Dog Control

The Board voted unanimously to extend a three month contract with Charles Boulmetis of Critter Control for dog control for the rest of this fiscal year. The present three month contract expires on September 30, 1993. Cristo said Boulmetis has provided good service and no complaints about his service have been received.

It also was mentioned that the position of Animal Inspector, presently filled by Board of Health member James Morin, will require a transfer of funds from the present dog control account that was set aside to pay for that position. Morin is presently doing that job

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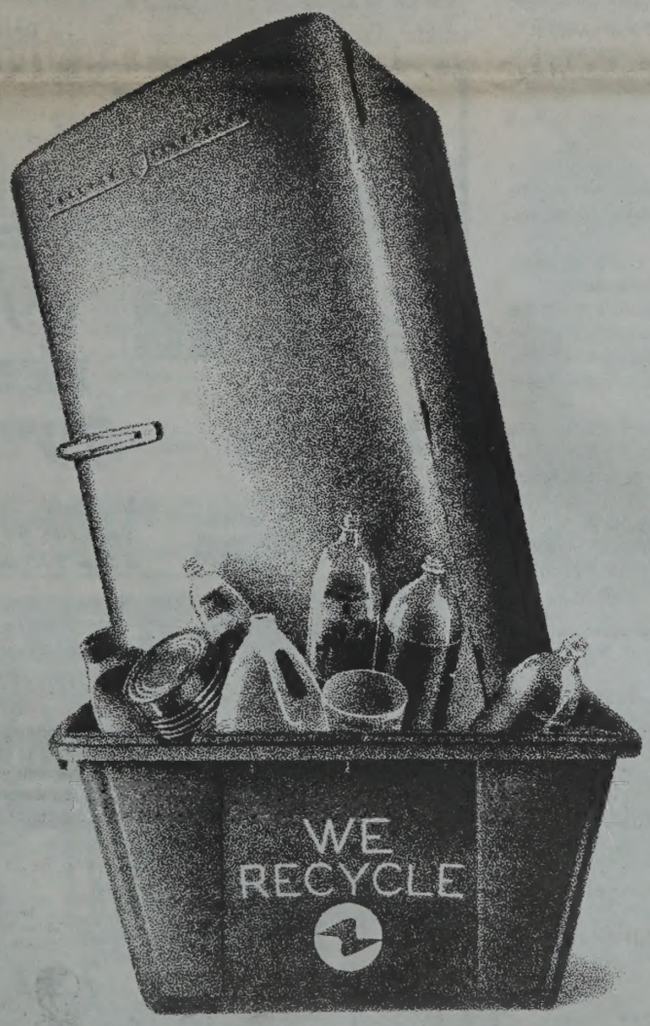

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The equipment will be made available under a grant from Greater Media as part of their contract with the town.

Desrosiers also noted the Selectmen are looking at the area near the police station at the town hall as a possible location for a studio.

The room being considered at the high school can be accessed by the public outside of school hours. Television productions can be developed and produced in the room with the assistance of a public access coordinator who would be in charge of scheduling and setting guidelines. Greater Media Cable has provide $41,000 for equipment and a $10,000 amount yearly for maintenance of the equipment.

Desrosiers said that some of these monies may be used to pay a public access coordinator. At present, the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee is working with the Selectmen to appoint a new coordinator following the resignation of Chris Rovezzi from that position two weeks ago.

"This offers us tremendous possibilities," said Desrosiers. "It will offer students a greater means and way to seek and pursue learning."

Desrosiers said he also spoke with Computer Lab Teacher Barbara Debs about the possibility of using computers in conjunction with the television studio as many outside programs can be brought in and interaction with others can be enhanced. It would also allow the present lab, which is reaching a level of overuse, to be switched over to the students at the junior high level, according to Desrosiers.

Robert Sullivan, a teacher and a member of the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee, said the new equipment and teacher lab that could go along with it is one the schools couldn't afford. "It's an opportunity for the school to get into a new curriculum," he said.

Jack Dupre said there has to be some facility to be a distribution point to link the school to all the programming that can be brought into the school for learning purposes.

Committee member Jane Pojani said she was in favor of the concept but was concerned about the financial costs down the line and asked how they could be projected into budget deliberations. Desrosiers said the actual costs are not available at this time but can be worked up if the Committee can support the use of a room. "Down the road, we will be looking also at the courses to be offered. The Selectmen may be able to help with some funds," he said.

Palermo said he saw this as a tremendous opportunity. He also said that if allowed in the by-laws, some of the funds received as part of the grant could be used for upgrading the plumbing in the room for a rest room area.

Mark Sutphen noted that the location of the proposed room is such that it could be easily shut off from the rest of the building during hours when the schools aren't in session which would provide for security and still allow for public use and access to the studio.

Marble suggested that Desrosiers come back with more concrete numbers on the funds needed, a job description for a public access coordinator and information on whether a salary for that position could come from the funds.

Athletics

The Committee delayed action on a request from Athletic Director Elaine Bush to reinstitute a golf team which would be co-ed. Bush said 18 students have expressed an interest in that sport. Practices and team golf matches would be held at Clearview Country Club on Park Hill Avenue.

Bush said she was working with the Clearview owners over the arrangements for use of the course and how the cost would be handled.

Tuttle asked where the money for the club would come from since there is no money in the budget.

Palermo said the projected salary of $1600 for a golf coach would require a look at legal ways to get that amount, possibly from a transfer of funds. The $1250 needed for buses could possibly come from surpluses in other accounts or from the Booster Club if allowed in their bylaws, he said.

Pojani said the Booster Club by-laws require a sport to be in standing in the budget before it is eligible for funds from the club. If a sport gets off the ground for at least one year, then the club could help.

Tuttle noted that the survey done by Bush showed that coaches' salaries in other towns were less than what was being requested for Millbury and asked that that be looked at.

MTA President Tom Murray argued for consideration of educational issues before spending money on including another sport in the school system. He said there is a need for a full time media person.

Palermo said that possibly receipts from the athletic revolving account, excepting the coach's salary, could be looked into for funding.

At the suggestion of Pojani, the matter was tabled until at least December.

The Committee decided to drop an issue discussed at two previous meetings relative to a team manager who was given a varsity letter instead of money for work performed at games.

Palermo said that Elaine Bush spoke with all concerned and apparently there was a misunderstanding. The individual is happy with the letter he received and apologizes for any misunderstanding, said Bush.

The Committee acknowledged the maturity of the individual and said they would consider the possibility of restoring the former method of payment during the upcoming budget deliberations.

Non-resident students

The Committee discussed a draft for a policy dealing with non-resident student attendance. The issues were related to establishing cutoff dates of December 1 and February 1 for students moving in or out of Millbury. Parents would be responsible in both instances for the transportation of the student to and from school.

Tuttle asked if the issue would be moot if the school system had adopted School Choice.

Palermo said it would. It was noted that last year the Millbury schools lost seven students to Sutton under their School Choice program but the figures for this year have not been compiled as yet.

Business Manager Sue Pierce said that two of those students are back in Millbury this year.

Palermo said he would forward the draft to the MASC attorney for review before bringing it back as a policy change.

The Committee reviewed an item brought up at the last meeting by Pojani relating to how the system should handle suspected residency violations.

Palermo said that in the past two years, a more aggressive approach has been taken and that he would be bringing the issue before the principals, school nurses and teaching staff who might be the first people who would become aware of any violations.

Palermo said the administration would have to have verification from the parents that a student is actually sleeping in Millbury. "We will need facts and proof of violations which would require an executive session as to how to go forward," he said. "In the past, there has been the use of a private investigator to document facts."

Palermo said the faculty and administration will be aggressively on the lookout if there is evidence of a violation.

Under-subscribed classes

High School Principal Stephen Mills was present to ask for approval for 11 classes that are below the 15 student cut off standard. He said the classes are needed for students preparing for college and for some students in non college bound classes who need the courses to get into the job market or into training after graduation. "They also give students a motivational reason to stay in school," he said.

Tuttle noted that small class sizes are more costly, but acknowledged that if one of her children were in such classes she would be concerned that they be retained.

Tuttle also noted that the morale of teachers in the lower grades in the system is affected by allowing small class sizes at the high school since many of those teachers have classes with far higher numbers than 8, 10, or 12 students.

Mills said that if that is a feeling at his level, he would encourage his staff to see him. As far as the level of morale at the High School, Mills said, "without patting myself on the back, the morale at the High School is much better."

Palermo noted that there have been cutbacks in staff since Prop 2 1/2. He did say that at the elementary level, staff has been added when classes have become high in student numbers. Scheduling is different in high school than elementary levels.

Mills has not had anything to do with the present master schedule but, hopefully next year their might be more equity, Palermo said.

The Committee unanimously approved Mills' request to go with the 11 classes with fewer than 15 students.

Revolving Accounts

Mills passed out a report on the Revolving Accounts at the High School that come

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without receiving compensation. A transfer will be sought at an upcoming town meeting.

Cable TV

The Board met with the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee. Chairman Paul DiCicco turned the meeting over to Greater Media Cable representatives Ed Goldstein and Brian Bedard.

Goldstein addressed questions and concerns raised by several Board members relative to changes in rates and channels brought about by the FCC's new regulations dealing with servicing cable television subscribers.

The federal regulations go into effect on October first but it will be some time before all the ramifications of the new regulations are worked out, said Goldstein.

In a related matter, there is an opening on the Cable Advisory Committee due to the resignation of Maureen Belsito.

DiCicco said the Rev. Clifford Davis is interested in filling that position and is also interested in the Public Access Coordinator's position.

Youth Center

Members of the Youth Commission along with newly appointed Youth Center Director Lynn Stover met with the Selectmen to give a brief update on the activities at the Center. Commission members present were Terry O'Brien, Alec A. Belisle and his sister, Jennifer Belisle.

Stover explained that the number of youths using the center and participating in its activities has doubled since the center began offering more structured programming. She said the programs appeal to the youth and also to the parents who, she said, have shown an increased interest in the Center.

"Parents are participating as monitors in an increasing way," Stover said. "Also, as the word gets out that we are offering more structured activities, parents are dropping by. Activities such as car washes and spaghetti dinners are used for fund raising activities. Community projects and involvement also are getting the kids involved doing things other than just playing pool or hanging around. Some theater productions are put on in the auditorium at the center. Santa Claus and a Christmas party, a haunted house on Halloween are other activities are planned. Parents are not afraid to bring their kids down," Stover said. "They come in themselves and interact with the kids."

O'Brien noted that there are more monitors than ever before. Jennifer Belisle said that in the past, if a room didn't have a monitor available that room had to be shut down. "We don't have that problem now," she said.

Alec Belisle assured the Board that even though there are some youths from other towns participating in the Center, their numbers are small and Millbury youth are given priority.

"Kids have heard about us and come in hoping to be part of the activities going on," said Stover.

The Center allows youth in from grades 7-12 rather than restricting the requirement to age levels. "Some seniors become 18 and rather than drop them," Stover said, "they stay on and help out with the younger kids. They also come back as junior monitors later."

Alec Belisle explained that a "Friends of The Youth Center" is being developed with the help of Librarian Rosemary Waltos to help raise funds from private sources.

Cristo said he was "pleased and ecstatic" with how things are working out at the Center "as there seems to be a good bunch of people working to help out."

Connector Project

Some Board members expressed their frustration over the lack of interest shown by Governor Weld and his staff who, according to Cristo, made a short five minute cameo appearance at the recent Governor's Conference on Mass Pike Interchange proposal.

Cristo said the Governor called it the "Worcester Interchange" when it really is located in Millbury. He suggested that maybe Millbury should just give the land to Worcester.

Cristo called the conference "a big farce" but did say that Representative Richard Moore deserves thanks for setting up the conference.

Cristo also said he almost got up himself and left when the Governor and his entourage departed. "If Congressman Neal hadn't shown up," he said, "I probably would have left. People in Millbury better wake up. It's coming - a 2 1\2 override is coming to cover the cost estimates to the town. The people in town better be ready to pick up the tab. We have not had any answers or confirmation as to what our expressed concerns are."

Cristo went on to say that the project has been touted as great for the region. "It's not (great) for Millbury," he said, "we pay for it. It is not built for us. I hope the townspeople are ready to pay for the tab."

Cristo said an estimate prepared by the Police Chief and the Fire Chief for expanded costs of services will be in the area of $300,000 as well as the estimated $70,000 loss of tax revenue yearly.

He said a bill filed by Senator Amorello and Representative Kollios was killed by the Governor when he didn't fund the bill to help Millbury recoup the tax revenue monies for a five year period.

Chase suggested that the Board consider setting up a local committee to deal just with the issues of relocation of businesses and families in Millbury.

Flu Clinic in Sutton

SUTTON - The flu vaccine will be offered to high risk residents of Sutton at a Flu Clinic at the Dudley Gendron American Legion Post, 156 Boston Road, on Thursday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is advised. Starting October 5, call the Board of Health office to register at 865-4279 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday only.

Anyone having allergies to egg products or a fever or cold should not receive the flu shot.

Any questions on the vaccine requirements can be answered by calling the Millbury District Nursing Society at 865-4373.

Hope for the Family

UXBRIDGE - World Wide Pictures, the audio-visual ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will present "Hope for the Family" at North Uxbridge Baptist Church on Sunday, October 10 at 6 p.m. Nursery care will be provided.

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Children's festival

GRAFTON - The Seventh Annual Children's Heritage Festival sponsored by Touchstone Community School will be held Sunday, October 17, rain or shine from noon to 5 p.m. on the Grafton Common.

Highlighting the Festival's free entertainment will be "John the K," whose assortment of hats, sound effects and wide ranging repertoire of songs has captivated audiences throughout New England. Also performing under tents will be juggler/storyteller Garry Grinsky, singer and acoustic guitar player Ellen Feldman and singer/songwriter Mitch Chakour.

The festival will feature games, handmade crafts, Halloween costumes, a Christmas booth, bike safety, raffle, Grandma's Attic and a Fancy Pantry of home baked goods. Food and beverages will also be sold.

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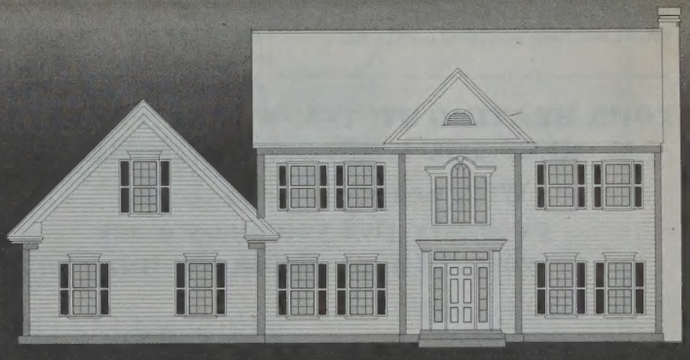

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under his jurisdiction. He said a process is in place whereby a deposit slip will be made out for the amount to be deposited into the account and monies for withdrawal will require a written request and signature of the Principal and Assistant Principal. There is $122,000 in receipts with $89,000 signed out, according to Mills.

The accounts are spread out in three different banks and Mills suggested it might be simpler to deal with one bank.

Tom Murray noted that on many occasions students on the work study program are able to get jobs at the three banks and sometimes the account being in a bank is helpful in securing a part time job. "You should consider that factor before you decide," said Murray.

Late Bus

Business Manager Sue Pierce said she received three bids for the operation of a late bus after school with the low bid coming from McCarty Chauffeur Services at $70.00 a day for three days per week at a yearly cost of $6720. "I recommend to agree to fund the late bus," she said. A budgeted item for $3,000 for a driver, which has not been used, and $3720 can be transferred and used from the SPED teacher salary account for that purpose, she said.

The Committee approved 4-0.

Early Retirement

Palermo reported on the Early Retirement Incentive Program for teachers as part of the Education Reform Bill. He noted the Committee did not vote to accept the program last year because of late timing. This year, the option can be voted on by the Committee, the Selectmen and Town Meeting as the time for voting by the School Committee starts January first.

There may be nine teachers who could take advantage of the early retirement incentive. The teachers would have the option of adding five years to their age or years of service, whichever would be of more benefit to them. "At the present time we don't know the real costs," Palermo said, "but the bottom line is financial and we would have a wonderful opportunity to have a mix of new and experienced staff."

Marble noted that this year the number of teachers allowed to retire is down from the 2500 specified to now 700 statewide which will have an impact on the number of teachers that could retire in Millbury. "Maybe only two or three," he said.

Palermo acknowledged that the State will tell the towns how many teachers can retire. "There are so many inconsistencies in the Reform Act, it is frustrating," he said.

Addenda Items

The committee discussed an issue held over from the last meeting relative to addenda items.

Palermo said he looked up the open meeting law and there is no specific reference to addenda items. He said the spirit of the open meeting law, once the agenda is published, would allow for public participation and involvement. The concern is that some addenda items may lead to some action and in-depth discussion. Emergency or informational items have a place, he said.

Committeeman Tom Clawson said the agenda published should be followed unless there are critical items that might come up. "It is not the intention to limit or expand the agenda but to allow for others who may wish to be informed as to what the content of meetings are," he said. "Advance notice should be available to all so they can be prepared and be allowed to ask questions."

Tuttle said it has been a long past practice to allow addenda items, and many are brief.

Clawson said there is a five day period before each meeting to list an item on the agenda. "The information should be available (to the public) so all can have an opportunity to discuss it," he said.

Pojani noted that some agenda items are simply a matter of getting a yes or no answer to questions raised by parents who call after the agenda is set.

Tuttle said the policy manual indicates that addenda items are allowed at the discretion of the Chairman of the School Committee. "If that is going to change, then the policy will have to be re-written through the regular process," she said. She did agree that any addenda item requiring input from someone not present should be placed on the next agenda.

Clawson said there is a need for a change as the Committee could be in session until midnight on addenda items.

Tuttle noted that most addenda items come from the superintendent.

Marble suggested that Palermo look into possible policy changes for the committee's review.

Pojani said that if there is to be a change on what can or cannot be listed as addenda items, the change should include a list of those items.

Tuttle said it should also be made clear what can be said and not said. "If it involves a complaint about a department or a teacher, then all should be involved and participate," she said.

Later, at the end of the regular agenda when Marble asked if there was anything else to be brought up, Palermo said he had three addenda items which initiated a round of laughter from the Committee members.

Marble jokingly said to Palermo, "I will not allow that."

Miscellaneous

- Palermo announced that he has made appointments in several areas including aides, part time cafeteria workers, a cafeteria monitor, club advisors and ticket takers.

- Palermo said the October 13 agenda will include a grievance from the Elmwood St. School staff relative to his turning down a grievance that was filed for not allowing the staff to leave the school grounds during the lunch period.

- Pojani asked Palermo if he had received any response from the Millbury Police Department relative to the enforcement of the "No Smoking" policy at school activities.

Palermo said Chief Handfield asked that the School Department erect "no smoking" signs at the ares of concern and the police will then feel comfortable enforcing the ban.

- Pojani asked that a check be made on the list of children admitted to the Nursery School program at the High School to determine if Millbury residents are being serviced first.

Millbury Arts Council Trip

MILLBURY - Those who have registered for the upcoming Millbury Arts Council trip to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge and the Sterling and Francine Art Institute in Williamstown are asked to be at the Millbury Public Library parking lot at 7:45 a..m. on October 2. Departure time is 8:00 a.m.

There is no charge for the bus but each person will be responsible for the $7.50 entrance fee to the Rockwell Museum and lunch. Admission to the Clark Institute is free.

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The yearly business meeting of the Sutton Historical Society will be held at the General Rufus Putnam Hall on Tuesday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m. to elect nominees for the Board of Directors.

Robert Moffat will present an illustrated program on old coins of United States mint. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Millbury Flu Clinic

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Health will sponsor a Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 20, from 9-11 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 16 South Main Street. The cost is $1.00 per person. Registrations will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Monday, October 4. Call the BOH at 865-4721 to register.

Jogathon

MILLBURY - Assumption School will hold its fifth Annual Jogathon on Friday, October 8 (rain date October 15) at Windle Field. The Jogathon consists of a one hour run around a one-fifth mile track. If you would like to sponsor a student and have not been contacted as yet, call the school at 865-5404.

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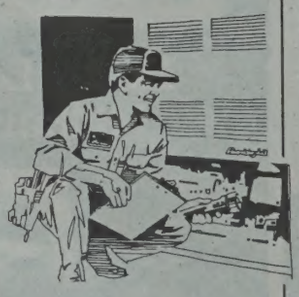

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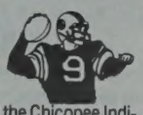
Release time days in Sutton

SUTTON - The Sutton School Department has scheduled release time days for the 1993-1994 school year. The purpose of the release time days at the junior-senior high school is to continue the self-study process for the upcoming evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. At the elementary school, the days will be used for in-service workshops and curriculum development.

October 18, November 15, December 13, January 10, 1994, February 7, March 14, April 11 and May 16 will be release time days for both the junior-senior high school and the elementary school. On those dates, the junior-senior high school will be released at 10:50 a.m. and the elementary school will be released at 11:45 a.m. No lunches will be served and there will be no afternoon kindergarten classes.

Youth Football Results



submitted by Steven Hebert

PEE WEEK DIVISION

The Millbury-Sutton Raiders defeated the Chicopee Indians 18-0 for their season opener. First half touchdowns by halfback Keith Maxwell and Joshua Joubert led the Raiders to a 12-0 halftime lead. Offensive lineman Nick Hall, Tom Connor and Quarterback Matt Krumsiek were standouts on offense. A third quarter touchdown my Matt Lavallee sprung by a key block by Clayton Baker iced the victory. The defense was led by Joey Rivelli and Mike Brown with a key goal line stand in the second half.

JUNIOR MIDGET DIVISION

The Junior Midget team opened its season with a hard fought 12-6 loss to the Worcester Cowboys. The Raiders took a 6-0 lead on a 2 yard touchdown run by Ray Therrien with key blocks by Mike Vigneau and Nick Desimone. The touchdown drive was sparked by the strong running of fullback John Hartline and direction of quarterback Phil Palumbo. The defense was stingy all day with key tackles by Strong Safety Phil Palumbo and Defensive End Adam Silun. Strong defensive performances were also given by Jeremy Brown, William Auclair, Ray Therrien and Brandon King.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

It is now officially "Autumn" or "Fall," whichever you prefer, or as someone said, "Whatever floats your boat." Summer was terrific, but now we have to make the most out of this new season of the year, and it, too, can be terrific. Being a New Englander through and through, I love the change of seasons. Mark Twain is credited with saying that if you don't like New England weather, just wait a minute. Right on!

First and foremost, this time of the year gives us such delicious food as it is harvest time. Corn on the cob heads the list, but then, too, there are garden ripened tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, peppers, etc. etc. Many thanks to good neighbors and friends who have shared these goodies.

Then there is the settling into the routines of life. School is in and many of us are back to work, and if you love your work as much as I do, then you have looked forward to Fall. There is a sense of security in the routines of life.

But finally, there is the whole matter of change as well. Our lives consist in changes that we have to deal with, and my Bible tells me that when we are in Christ we are in the process of change and we become new creations in Him. God did not just set this world 'a spinning, He set it in such a way that we have these changes of seasons. My God is still in the creation business, and He makes all things new. Allowing Jesus Christ into your heart and lives makes you a new creation as old things are passed away and all things are becoming new. Amen.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-8

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Link Sausage, French Toast Stix, FF, Applesauce

TUESDAY: Pizza Dog/Roll, FF, Corn, Jello/Topping

WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (w/Lettuce & Tomato), FF, Fruit

THURSDAY: Beef Stew (Beef, Carrots & Potatoes), Pan Roll/Butter, Push-Up Popsicle

FRIDAY: Lasagna, FF, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Green Beans, Pan Roll/Butter, Pudding

TUESDAY: Link Sausages, French Toast Stix, Hash Brown Potato, Applesauce

WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Fruit

THURSDAY: Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Pan Roll/Butter, Rice Krispie Squares

FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Assorted Fruit

Receives Master's Degree

FRAMINGHAM - Karen M. Dinsdale of Millbury received a Master of Education degree from Framingham State College in summer commencement exercises August 13. Fifteen graduate degrees and 64 undergraduate degrees were conferred.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in this, my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh holy Mary Mother of God, queen of heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands. (3 times) Holy Spirit, resolve all my problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. (The person must say this prayer on three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the prayer is granted.)

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Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

MILLBURY - St. Brigid's CYC will sponsor a dance from 7-11 p.m. in the Church Hall for grades 8 and up. $3.00 admission.

10 A.M. to 3 P.M. - SUTTON - Sherman Blacksmith and Wainwright Shop Demonstration. A blacksmith will be on hand to demonstrate his craft, sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society. Take Boston Road, off Route 146 to Sutton center.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

MILLBURY - The Millbury-Sutton Youth Football mothers will host a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Millbury Common. All proceeds will benefit Youth Football.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will host a Harvest Supper from 5-7 p.m.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

MILLBURY - Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, will be observed by the Millbury Fire Department with an Open House at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, from 1-4 p.m.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

SUTTON - Sutton will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School, Boston Road.

SUTTON - The yearly business meeting of the Sutton Historical Society will be held at the General Rufus Putnam Hall at 8:00 p.m. to elect nominees for the Board of Directors.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Women's Club will hold Guest Night on Tuesday, October 5 at the First Congregational Church, West Main Street. The evening will begin with a Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

MILLBURY - The final registration for Pee Wee Basketball will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Shaw School Cafeteria. Registration fee $20 per player or $30 maximum per family.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

SUTTON - Sutton Youth Baseball will host a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Dudley Gendron Post, Boston Road. Admission is $2.00.

Winter Clothing Drive

GRAFTON - Hunneman & Co./Coldwell Banker in Grafton is participating in the Winter Clothing Drive sponsored by the Greater Worcester Board of Realtors Community Action Committee. The drive will take place October 9th.

All items collected will be donated to area shelters. Needed are coats and hats for adults and children; clothing for infants and children; scarves, hats, mittens, blankets and linens. Baby cribs are desperately needed.

Bring your donations to the Hunneman/Coldwell Banker office at 80 Worcester Street on October 9, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Pack 109 News

MILLBURY - The new scout year is about to begin. Any boys in grades 1-5 who would like to join Cub Scouting and have not yet registered can do so by calling Debbie Harris at 865-1243.

On Friday, October 1, at 7 p.m. a campfire will be held at the Millbury Youth Camp on Herricks Lane. Refreshments will be provided, but bring your own sticks for roasting marshmallows.

A "Bike Event" will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 10-12 in the parking lot at Shaw Elementary School. This is for the whole family. Bring your bikes for riding fun. Also, bikes may be registered with the police department at the event.

Don't miss the Papa Gino's Fund Raiser on Monday, October 18, from 5 p.m. to closing at the restaurant on Rte. 20 across from the Fair. Pack 109 will receive a portion of all sales for the evening. Tell your friends and relatives to eat at Papa Gino's on the evening of the 18th to help the scouts.

The October pack meeting will be held Wednesday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a Halloween Party with goodies and fun for all.

Pee Wee Basketball Registration

Boys and Girls league

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - The Legislature continued its extended summer recess last week and met in brief, informal sessions without roll call votes. The House and Senate were scheduled to end their recess and reconvene in formal session the week of September 27.

This year's joint House-Senate constitutional convention includes several proposed amendments making major changes to the state's constitution. The convention has met five times since May without taking action on many of the proposals. The next convention was scheduled for September 29 but is likely to take no action and recess until a later date.

In order to become part of the state constitution, an amendment proposed by legislators must receive a majority vote of two successive elected legislatures and then be approved by the voters at a statewide election. An amendment proposed by the initiative petition process requires the gathering of thousands of signatures, the approval of only 50 votes of two successive legislatures and voter approval at a statewide election.

A proposed amendment replacing the state's flat income tax with a graduated one is on the top of the agenda through the initiative petition process. The proposal was overwhelmingly approved 132-39 by the 1992 legislature and now needs only the votes of 50 legislators in 1993 or 1994 in order to go on the 1994 ballot. Despite the new makeup of the 1993-194 legislature, the proposal should easily get the 50 votes necessary to appear on the 1994 ballot.

The future of a proposal which may allow state aide to private schools is not so certain. The proposal was barely approved 103-80 in 1992. Unlike the grad tax amendment, this school aid proposal now needs a majority vote (101 votes) in 1993 or 1994 in order to go on the ballot in 1994. The slim two vote margin in 1992 combined with dozens of newly elected senators and representatives make passage a question mark. However, the measure has the strong backing of Senate President William Bulger who insured its passage in 1992.

This week, "Beacon Hill Roll Call" reviews the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello and Representatives Richard Moore and Paul Kollios on votes on the graduated income tax and school aid amendment from 1992.

This week's report also includes other proposed constitutional amendments on this year's convention agenda. All measures have not yet been acted upon by the legislature this year or in any previous year.

GRAD TAX (H 4001) Constitutional Convention approved 132-39, a proposal establishing a graduated income tax. The graduated tax would impose higher rates on taxpayers in higher income brackets and lower rates on those in lower income brackets. Supporters said the measure would insure that the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes and would lower taxes for most low and middle income families. Opponents said a grad tax would weaken economic growth because it is a disincentive toward working harder and is based on the premise that the more a person works, the more the state takes away. Amorello, Moore and Kollios voted for the tax.

SCHOOL AID (S 48) Constitutional Convention approved 103-80, a proposal eliminating language from the state constitution which prohibits public aid to private and religious institutions. The amendment inserts wording from the federal constitution prohibiting the legislature from making laws "respecting an establishment of religion." Supporters said it is time to erase the offensive language which was placed in the constitution in 1855 by the anti-Catholic Know Nothing Party. Opponents said the amendment violates the separation of church and state and will lead to state aide to private schools at the expense of public schools. Amorello and Moore voted against the language prohibiting the aid. Kollios voted for the language prohibiting the aid.

COMING UP ON BEACON HILL

LEGISLATORS' TERMS (H 289) This proposal to increase the current two year terms of state legislators to four years will be the subject of heated debate if it reaches the floor. Sponsors say the measure will add stability to the legislature and prevent legislators from having to raise money and begin a reelection campaign immediately after their election. Opponents say the proposal is another "incumbency protection act" which helps incumbents and makes them less accountable.

READ ENGLISH (H 1251 and H 4287) Two proposed constitutional amendments on the agenda would repeal the state's requirement that a person be able to read the constitution in English and write his or her name in order to vote. Sponsors say this requirement adopted in 1857 was designed to keep immigrants, especially the Irish, from voting. They noted the requirement is obsolete based on the 1970 Voting Rights Act which rendered such literacy tests unconstitutional under federal law. Sponsors say that although the literacy requirement is unenforceable, it should be taken out of the state constitution to avoid confusion and so that young students who study the constitution do not think the requirement is an enforceable part of the state's laws.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT (H 1274 and H 4279) Two proposed constitutional amendments also on the agenda would repeal the state's requirement that a person must be a resident of the city of town for six months prior to the election in which he or she wishes to vote. Sponsors point out that residency requirements for voting purposes were ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972. They argued that this unenforceable requirement should be taken out of the state's constitution to avoid confusion.

56 MEMBER SENATE (H 1325) Another controversial proposal would increase the size of the Massachusetts Senate from 40 to 56 members. Sponsors say this would create smaller districts and make senators closer and more accountable to their constituents. They argue it would decrease the costs of running a Senate campaign and encourage more people to run. Opponents argue the proposal would cost millions of dollars and increase the size of the government and bureaucracy.

OUTSIDE BUDGET SECTIONS (H 4634) This measure would prohibit the legislature from changing state laws through the attachment of "outside sections" to the state budget. Sponsors note that the most recent state budget includes 389 outside sections. They claim this allows legislators to change state laws by burying the changes in the budget where they are difficult to find and are not subject to public hearings and open debate.

This week, "Beacon Hill Roll Call" reviews the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on votes on the graduated income tax and school aid amendment from 1992. Also recorded are their votes on the bill restricting privatization and Amorello's vote on an amendment giving increased child support powers to the state.

RESTRICT PRIVATIZATION (H 5345, S 1664) House 116-35, Senate 29-6, approved different versions of the bill restricting Governor Weld's power to privatize the delivery of state services. Amorello voted against restricting privatization. Moore and Kollios voted for restricting privatization.

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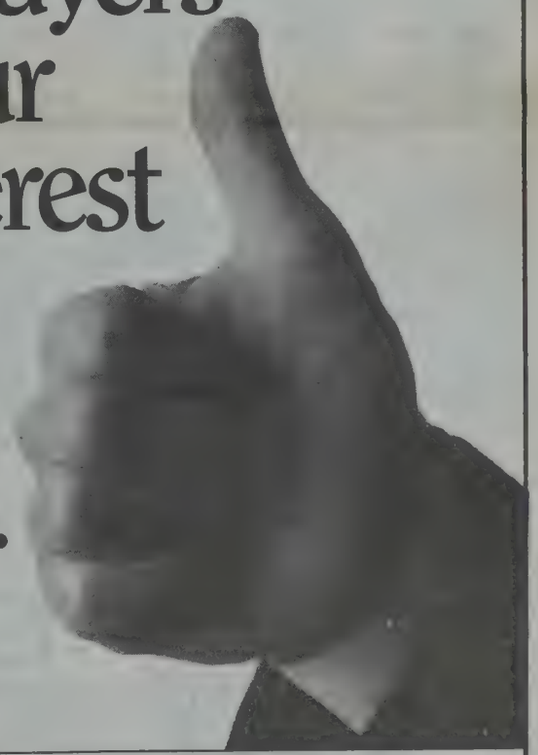

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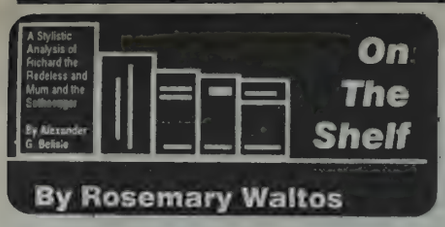
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OCTOBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

The Two Jacks: Mystery Writer Jack O'Connell and Wildlife Photographer Jack Swedberg Discuss Their Work.

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Friday, October 22 at 7:30, wildlife photographer and Millbury's own, Jack Swedberg, discusses the excitement of wildlife photography. The wildlife photography of Jack Swedberg is the subject of Kathryn Lasky's book, Think Like an Eagle.

For ticket information, call 865-1181. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and funded by the Mass. Arts Lottery administered by the Millbury Arts Council.

Color and Cloth Quilt Show featuring the work of Lynn Brooks, Sunday, October 24 from noon to 3 pm. Also on display will be the work of members of the Plain and Fancy Quilters Guild and other area quilters. Sponsored by the Millbury Public Library Fund and Apple Tree Fabrics of Auburn.

Guess the Weight of the Great Pumpkin. During the month of October, kids can take a chance on winning the library's Great Pumpkin by trying to guess its weight. The winner will be announced on October 20.

Pumpkin Decorating: Wednesday, October 20 anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. We have the pumpkins, all you have to do is bring the natural decorations and let your imagination fly. Preschoolers through kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult. Funds provided by the Friends of the Library.

Halloween Party and Parade, Wednesday, October 27 at 3:30. Kids in costume are invited to parade with us to Providence House and back. The event ends with cider, donut holes and Halloween's spookiest stories. Preschoolers through kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult. Registration starts October 19.

Word Processing for Adults. A basic word processing how-to using easy-to-use PFS FIRST CHOICE software on an IBM compatible computer. Course is held in small group settings. Call for dates, time and to register.

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Auditions for Youth

WORCESTER - The Salisbury Lyric Opera Company will present Amahl & The Night Visitors" on Thursday, December 9, in Atwood Hall on the campus of Clark University, 950 Main Street. Auditions for singers and instrumentalists will be held Sunday, October 17, from 2-7 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester. All rehearsals, with the exception of production week, will be held on Sundays. Junior and Senior high school students interested in auditioning should contact Mr. Josef Konkol, general Manger, at 792-3067.

Needed are singers, dancers and instrumentalists. The following roles are available: boy soprano, soprano/alto, tenor, baritone, bass, baritone/tenor. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are also needed for the chorus.

There is a dance featured in the middle of the opera. Male and female dancers are needed.

The orchestra will need strings, flute, 2 oboes, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, harp and percussion.

Required audition materials and directions to the audition site will be forwarded to each student after the audition time is verified.

Students interested in participating solely in the opera chorus should contact Mr. Michael Gondek, Director of Student Development, at 752-5615 ext. 538.

Concert to benefit restoration

UXBRIDGE - "The Messengers," who have bee entertaining Blackstone Valley audiences with their songs of love, hope and peace since 1975, will share their message with participants in this year's Heritage Homecoming Weekend in a concert on Saturday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. The free concert, which will benefit efforts to develop the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park through a raffle at intermission, will be held at the Whitin Middle School Cafetorium on Granite Street, Uxbridge.

Concerts by "The Messengers" contain contemporary as well as religious and gospel music. Arrangements are worked out under the direction of Flo Beaudoin.

Moore's office hours

UXBRIDGE - Rep. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) will hold office hours in Sutton on Thursday, October 14, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library.

Amorello at COA

SUTTON - Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) will hold office hours at the Sutton Council on Aging on Friday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary.

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The yearly business meeting of the Sutton Historical Society will be held at the General Rufus Putnam Hall on Tuesday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m. to elect nominees for the Board of Directors.

Robert Moffat will present an illustrated program on old coins of United States mint. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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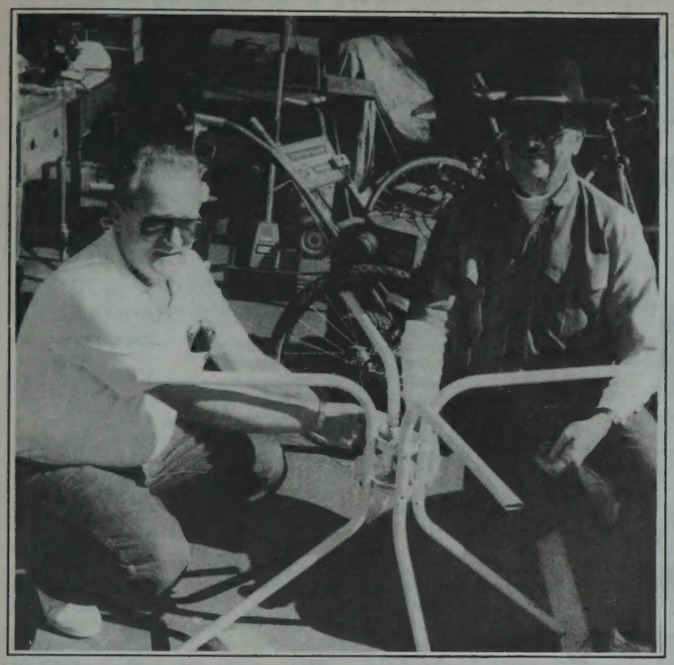

SUTTON - Jim Army, Commander of the Dudley Gendron American Legion Post, and William R. Ethier, Sr. Vice Commander, helped set up for a benefit auction held at the Post Saturday. Proceeds from the auction benefitted the Post Scholarship Fund.

A well deserved retirement

MILLBURY - Dudley Bowker (right), outgoing president of the Millbury Savings Bank, welcomed President-elect William Walsh at a reception held at the bank last week. Bowker retired after 40 years with the Savings Bank.

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6. Phone a friend.
7. If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
8. Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
9. Hug a pillow.
10. Turn on some music. Maybe even sing along.

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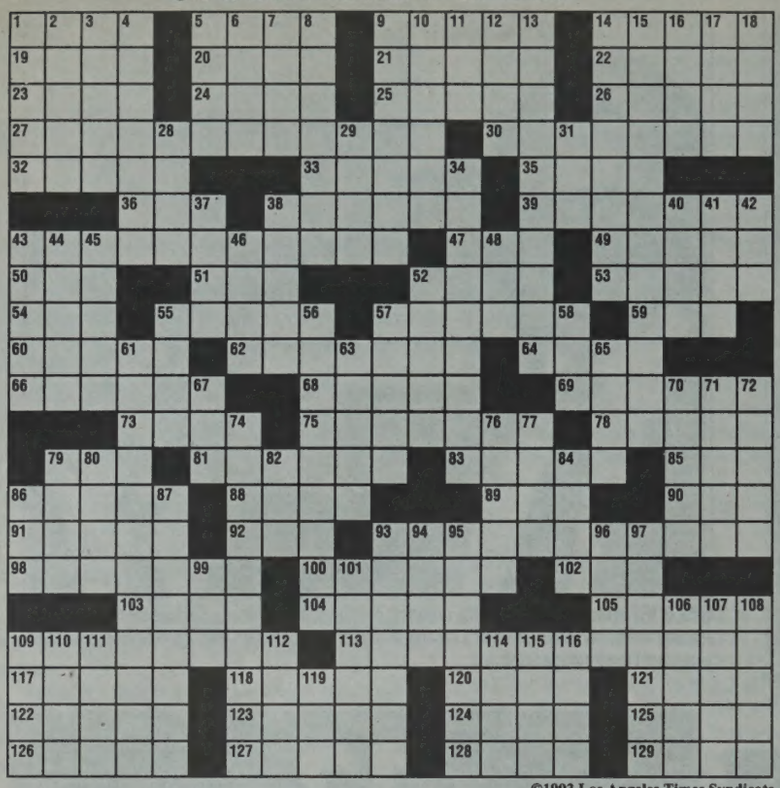

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ACROSS

1 Astringent
5 Food fish
9 Vamoose!
14 Mini or maxi
19 Desert incline
20 — Alto, Calif.
21 "I — Rhapsody"
22 Fork components
23 Determination: Abbr.
24 Toast topper
25 Put up money
26 Summary
27 French noblemen?
30 Plane landings
32 Rendezvous
33 Church headwear
35 New Rochelle, NY college
36 — Paulo, Brazil
38 Singer Brewer
39 Self-esteem
43 Italian real-estate tycoon?
47 Composers' corp.
49 Peeping Tom
50 School subj.
51 Before center or cure
52 Maine river
53 Accomplishments
54 Chicken-eaters choice
55 Rip repair
57 Mohammed's daughter
58 Fleur-de- —
60 Illegal offer of money
62 Ocean sodium chloride
64 — Valley, Ventura Co. city
66 Rise
68 "As — and breathe"
69 Mischief-maker
73 Ewe's youngster
75 Came prior to
78 Outdated
79 Dictionary info
81 Removes the cholesterol
83 Bad moods
85 Investigative gp.
86 Tibetan leaders
88 Certain sale gds.
89 Antelope of Africa
90 Elec. unit
91 Poet
92 — alai
93 Powerful hombres?
98 Italian meal ender
100 Sisters' daughters
102 Beer alternative
103 North Carolina campus
104 "Lou Grant" portrayer
105 Bacteria type, for short
109 Intentions
113 Norwegian choo choo?
117 Supplied with weapons
118 Tureen server
120 Wise men
121 Barcelona bravos
122 "I Enjoy Being —"
123 Mild expletives
124 Goes wrong
125 Sign a lease
126 Covered with green
127 Bob of "Full House"
128 Understands
129 JFK speedsters

DOWN

1 Make more useful
2 Moon-oriented
3 Having one element
4 Gilbert or Manchester
5 Notice
6 Heavenly topper
7 Actor Baldwin
8 Building greeters
9 Smash
10 Perfumes the air
11 Squeal
12 — code
13 Spanish colloquialisms?
14 "A — Pearls"
15 Russian reverend?
16 Peruvian native
17 Genuine
18 Cook's amts.
28 Ollie's pal
29 Yorkshire waterway
31 King of France
34 Moroccan sluggers?
37 Greek theaters
38 Once again
40 "Now — me down..."
41 Oriental holidays
42 Cen. units
43 Diva Dame Nellie
44 Cake toppers
45 Sound reasoning
46 Chooses
48 1,101 to Caesar
52 Ointment
55 Reliever Alejandro
56 Israeli breakfast food?
57 Rural events
58 It's all around us
61 Irish staples?
63 Depositories, of a sort
65 Sunday service
67 Colleague of a DDS
70 Chocolate source
71 Out on —
72 Ballet maneuvers
74 Chinese singing ads?
76 Black — cattle
77 "Pinta" sister ship
79 Pedestal part
80 Kuwaiti head
82 Brother
84 Yellowfin
86 Home site
87 In an impassive way
93 Most strained
94 Pert. to Reykjavik
95 Kern and Robbins
96 As well
97 Track devotees
99 Other than: Prefix
101 "Tristan and —"
106 Aggravates
107 Occasion
108 Ants and mosquitoes
109 Queenly address
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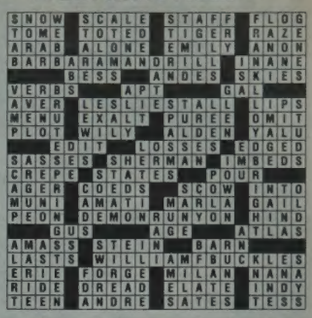
SOLUTION
TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



Women's Club Guest Night

MILLBURY - The Millbury Women's Club will hold Guest Night on Tuesday, October 5 at the First Congregational Church, West Main Street. The evening will begin with a Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m. Following the supper, members and guests will be entertained by the "Men of Song." Co chairwomen for this event are Ellen Norton and Carolina Pescheta. They will be assisted by: Therese Wilisch, Mary Szkutak, Mary Mulhane, Helen White, Betty Kotzen, Doris Blondin, Eleanor Powers and Arlene Ball.

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MBTA Commuter Rail Update

MILLBURY - The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed MBTA Commuter Rail extension was filed on August 24, 1993. Copies of the DEIR are available for public examination at the Millbury Public Library and at the Municipal Office Building. The deadline for comments is October 24, 1993.

Residents of Millbury are encouraged to address comments on the report to: Ms. Trudy Cox, Secretary, Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202.

Assumption School Jogathon

MILLBURY - Assumption School will hold its fifth Annual Jogathon on Friday, October 8 (rain date October 15) at Windle Field. The Jogathon consists of a one hour run around a one-fifth mile track. If you would like to sponsor a student and have not been contacted as yet, call the school at 865-5404.

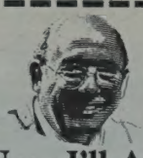
Moore seeks overhaul of voter registration process

BOSTON - The Legislature's Election Laws Committee recently unveiled a reform of the voter registration process. Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) is the House Chairman of the Committee.

The bill brings state voter registration policy into compliance with federal law signed by President Clinton last May. The legislation also exceeds the federal mandate by offering other changes to current state registration practices. These changes include:

- allowing more time for voters to register by moving the deadline from the current 28 days to 20 prior to a statewide election;
- Creating a central registry of voters to have a statewide list of all voters registered in the Commonwealth;
- including provisions for registration during the annual street listing;
- allowing unenrolled voters to maintain that registration status after voting in party primaries for statewide elections;
- removing extended registration hours to alleviate that burden on election officials;
- encouraging youth involvement by mandating registration form availability at high schools, colleges and universities across the state;
- strengthening the penalties for fraudulent registration to discourage abuse of the system.

Moore's bill has been filed in the Senate in anticipation of swift legislative action. The Committee met several times during the summer to draft the bill, involving city and town clerks, the Secretary of State's office, and other interested parties.



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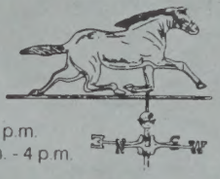

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Legislators meet with realtors

WORCESTER - Representative Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) were among area senators and representatives who met recently with members of the Greater Worcester Board of Realtors to answer questions about issues of concern to industry professionals. Topics covered included pending legislation on Massachusetts lead paint laws, the River Protection act and the State regulatory policy regarding Title V which governs cesspools and septic systems.

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Fall Thrift sale

SHREWSBURY - Trinity Episcopal Church, 440 Main Street, will hold its annual Fall Thrift Sale on Saturday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a wide selection of new and used clothing, a white elephant section, bake sale and coffee and donuts available for the public.

Craft Fair

WORCESTER - The Craft Fair committee of the college of the Holy Cross will hold its 4th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hogan Center. Over 60 crafters from all over New England will present their unique creations. All proceeds will benefit local area charities. Admission and parking are free.

Health Info for Elders

WORCESTER - Serving Health Information Needs of Elders (SHINE), a statewide volunteer program providing elders with answers to their questions about health insurance, has been launched by three non-profit agencies serving area elders.

Shine's purpose is to offer accurate, unbiased information on health insurance options to elders and to help them file insurance claims or appeals.

Some typical questions elders have about health insurance are: Do I have enough? Which portion of my hospital bill is covered by insurance? Should I buy longterm care insurance? How do I quaLify for Medicare?

Volunteers of all ages who will counsel elderly clients are being sought by the Shine program for the next retraining session that starts October 7 in West Boylston. They will be trained during eight sessions, receiving information on various public and private health insurance benefits and in the program's confidentiality and conflict of interest policies. Shine counselors will also receive monthly health information updates and support.

For more information contact any of the SHINE sponsors: The Age Center, 755-4388; Elder Home Care 756-1545; the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, 799-1230.

Festival and Bazaar

FISKDALE - St. Anne's/St. Patrick's annual Apple Festival and Bazaar will be held Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parish Center, Church Street. With a jump on the holiday season, this year's Festival goers are asked to pay a non-mandatory "admission" price of one non-perishable food item. Collected items will be donated to The Light for its annual Christmas basket program.

The Festival's booths will display hand-sewn and crocheted items, crafts, plants and dried arrangements, homebaked goods, homemade fudge, a country store and a Chinese auction. New to this year's event is the addition of a "Hostess Table" where many unique, exquisitely band crafted items will be sold. The festival's renowned apple pie bakeoff is scheduled to take place during the morning. Area pie connoisseurs will be selected as judges and will award the winning ribbons. Slices of the pies will be available for sale at the conclusion of the contest.

Prizes for two raffles will also be awarded throughout the day. One raffle will be for a beautifully hand-stenciled quilt on display in the Shrine store. A second raffle will award cash prizes of $1,000, $500 and $250 to three lucky people. Chances can be purchased for $1.00 each or 6 for $5 from parishioners, at the Shrine store, or at the Festival. Winners need not be present.

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